

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Qi-Bin Bao et al.	)	<i>Confirmation No. 7253</i>
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Application No.:	10/692,468	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time, up to and including January 29, 2008, to make this reply timely.

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007, and is divided into the following sections:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.